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SUBJ: PRESIDENT MALLOUM'S TRIP TO NIGERIA

1. PRESIDENT MALLOUM RETURNED FROM HIS ONE-DAY VISIT
TO LAGOS WELL PLEASED WITH THE RESULTS OF HIS TALKS THERE.
IN A SUBSEQUENT PRESS CONFERENCE, HE DECLINED TO MAKE
ANY COMMENTS ON THE SPECIFICS OF THE CONVERSATION
BETWEEN HIMSELF AND PRESIDENT OBASANJO, BUT SAID
THEY HAD BEEN HELD IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF PERFECT COMPRE-
HENSION. HE NEITHER CONFIRMED NOR DENIED THAT HE HAD
ASKED NIGERIANS TO ACT AS AN INTERMEDIARY BETWEEN
CHAD AND LIBYA. IN ADDRESSING THE SUBJECT OF PAN-
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AFRICAN FORCE, HE MADE A THINLY VEILED REFERENCE
TO SOVIET ACTIVITIES IN AFRICA BY NOTING THE
HISTORICAL PRECEDENT OF HITLER'S CONQUEST OF ONE
SMALL COUNTRY AFTER ANOTHER WITHOUT ANY COALITION
OF POSSIBLE VICTIMS OPPOSING HIM. HE POINTED OUT THAT
THE PRESENT DRAMA IN CHAD, LARGELY IGNORED OUTSIDE
OF HIS COUNTRY, COULD WELL SPREAD TO CLAIM OTHER

VICTIMS UNLESS AFRICA WAKES UP AND STARTS SEARCHING
FOR A REMEDY.

2. COMMENT: CHADIAN GOVERNMENT HAS NOW PASSED
THE POINT OF PUBLICLY CONDEMNING QADHAFI FOR HIS
ROLE IN CHADIAN DEVELOPMENTS AND SEEMS STARTED
ON PUBLIC CONDEMNATION OF THE SOVIET ROLE IN
AFRICA. BRADFORD

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